

no one of her project, but unfortunately for her, she did not adhere to this resolution. She communicated her project under the strongest vows of secrecy to her greatest friend, Mrs. Le Grand, and Mrs. Le Grand naturally, with the same injunctions, communicated it to her husband. Now, Jack the Great was a decent kind of fellow enough in his own way, but all his friends knew that his husbandly word was not very reliable. Jack did not like May, for it was at her instigation that his wife boycotted his smoking in the house. Besides he was fond of a game of poker, and unknown to his wife he was an occasional visitor at Hetty's establishment. So he determined, as he himself expressed it, 'to sell May Hay a pup, and he did so effectually. He kept himself well posted, thanks to his wife, in all May's movements.

The night on which May was to perform her great feat in the cause of morality had arrived. She plaited her hair into a plait and crowned herself with a rather large China boy's black red-buttoned skull cap, to conceal her unshaven scalp. She donned a specially made suit of China-boy's clothes and a pair of native shoes. May's complexion was sallow and her hair was dark and lacked lustre, so when she was rigged out, no one could imagine for a moment that she was anything but a siren of the Flower Land.

At 9 o'clock she met by appointment Hetty's hired domestic and was by him smuggled into Hetty's house. She soon found herself in a bedroom whose door looked into the salon, and as the weather was warm the latter was left open, so she enjoyed an excellent view of the proceedings. The salon was full of men, young and old. One of the syrens was strumming on the piano and singing a rather suggestive American music-hall song, in the chorus of which the company joined. The card tables were set, but deserted, and the men hung about in knots laughing and talking and cigarette smoking. About half the men wore masks, and those that did not were strangers to May. This she thought very strange, and began to feel some misgivings and doubts. Could any of them have an inkling of her plan? Could the Chinaman have betrayed her? She felt suddenly sick at these thoughts.

"Hi, Hetty, it's time to start the fun. The boy says it's all right," said a young man, a perfect stranger to May, who stood near the door, and the songstress stopped warbling.

"Are all the fellows here?" said the hostess. "Ay, ay," was the chorus.

"Let us have a little of the 'boy' first to give us a relish for the fun," suggested a red-nosed masked man, whose voice sounded somehow familiar to May.

His suggestion was acted on and champagne and glasses were brought in. Presently Hetty's voice sounded above the clinking of bottles and glasses and the hum of conversation.

"Excuse me, gentlemen, for a moment," and she sailed towards the door, and the hum of conversation ceased.

May drew back into the darkness of the room. What were her feelings of terror when suddenly the bed-room door was slammed and was removed. There was a sudden titter in the salon and the hum of conversation again arose.

Poor May was like a rat caught in a trap. She moved about the room spasmodically but could find no means of escape. Presently the piano sent forth notes again, a waltz this time, and there seemed, from the noise that arose, to be a general stampede or a riotous dance under way. May plucked up courage and knocked at the door. "Wellie," came the voice of the boy in response through the key-hole.

"I want to get out, I want to go home, please," said the much subdued virgin.

"Miss hab got key. Me make talk to she."

"Oh, no, don't. I'll wait and hide," and the disconsolate May stowed herself under the bed.

The rumpus in the salon ceased suddenly and Hetty's voice rang forth clearly again. The stow-away heard what she said distinctly.

"There's a man in my room," was what Hetty cried.

"A thief—a thief?—police—police," was the general chorus.

"Bring lights, boy! We'll have him out," cried somebody.

In a couple of minutes the whole company were around the bed-room door, armed with the fire irons, carving knives and forks, and sticks, with which they made an unearthly noise. Their remarks were not reassuring to May.

"Easy, Hetty, with the door. He may be fierce," said one.

"Perhaps he has got the hydrophobia and will bite," cried another.

"Are you ready there with the blunderbuss?" shouted still another.

The door suddenly burst open, and in rushed the four women, but the men hung about the door grinning.

"Oh! My diamond brooch is gone," cried one of the Syrens.

"He has prigg'd my bustle," cried another.

"I'll scratch his eyes out, the viper," shrieked the third.

Hetty looked under the bed, seized the trembling May, dragged her forth and led her into the salon.

"Who are you, and what the devil are you doing here?" she sternly demanded. Hetty was not very choice in the language she used sometimes.

No answer.

"Wal, what's your name? Chuck it out, or I'll hand you over to the police for being on my premises with burglarious intent. Do you hear?"

"May Hay is my name," replied the trembling virgin.

"So you're Miss May Hay, and you're come here to spy. Wal, May, I guess I know you're pretty angular and you make considerable use of dress improvers fore and aft, eh? Now, I want you to take off all your Chinese rags and dance, a can-can for the edification of my friends here."

Bitter tears of shame and mortification were bedewing poor May's cheeks now. But the red-faced mask came to the rescue.

Hence, Hetty—you mustn't go too far."

Decidedly his voice was familiar to the victim, but it was disguised, and she could not identify him.

"Wal, I'll let her off cheaper than she deserves. I want something funny for my scrap book, funny, I say. Here, my dear May, write me a letter in it. Here's pen and ink; say—"

Poor May was completely cowed and did as she was told. Here is a copy of the letter that she wrote at Hetty's dictation. Any visitor to Hetty's can see it to this day in the scrap book.

Office of the White Butter Society.
May 1st, 1888.

DEAR HETTY.—As you know I called to see you yesterday night and I must thank you for a delightful evening. The evening was fine and your little "joke" was great fun indeed. The weather is like spring and I hope that anything I'll chuck in the shape of W. B. Society for you, will be a hit with all the old fellows, especially to my pal the red-faced Johnny with the black mask.

Your loving friend, May Hay.

When she had written this, one of the China boys was bidden to show her to the street, and as she rode in a jinrikisha to her residence she was a much less happy, and a not much wiser individual than she had been in the morning.

May Hay was seen no more in the hunting society. Ten days after her adventure she went on board the small steamer which was to take her to England. The story of her adventure was abroad—too much so for her peace. Realistically, vice frequently triumphs over virtue. At least, but let us hope that the good time is coming.

THE FATE OF SIN FOO.

OR THE ORIGIN OF THE TEA PLANT.

Ages ago, when the world was grand, in the reign of the Emperor Who, there lived a sage in the Flower Land. Whom tradition calls Sin Foo; And no other mortal could understand One-half of the lore he knew.

This wise man never was known to guess, For he knew all things, that be? The reason why girls say No for Yes Was as plain as A B C.

And e'en the ages of actresses.

He knew, so wise was he!

He knew why girls all sit on the floor.

Whenever they put on a shoe;

And why for each strawberry blonde you score.

A white horse comes into view;

And wonderful things unknown before.

And nothing to him was new.

But the strongest brain must tire some day;

And this was Sin Foo's mishap;

He could not study, nor write, nor pray.

Nor sit with a book in his lap;

But his eminent head would nod straightforward.

And his eyelids shut with a snap.

To keep him awake he tied his cue

To the top of his chair-back tail;

He hired two cats to sit and mew.

All night on the garden wall;

He pinched himself both black and blue,

And slumbered in spite of it all.

Weary, at last of the useless strife,

He rose with a resolute cough;

How the people would sneer and scoff;

So he asked his wife for the carving-knife.

And cut both his eyelids off.

His poor wife shrieked as they dropped to the ground,

When—a marvelous sight to see—

Where they fell a beautiful plant was found,

More sweet than the jasmine tree,

And when the spinners had gathered around,

They tasted and named it Tea.

Since then, when a Chinaman goes to drink

A cup of the balmy brew,

He puts his lips to the fragrant brink,

He shakes a sorrowful cue;

For he, never—ah! never—can choose but think

Of the fate of the great Sin Foo.

FOR WAR OR FOR PEACE.

Once in two or three months says the San Francisco Bulletin, there are fresh speculations as to the probability of war in Europe. The horizon does not clear up as many have predicted. It may never clear up without war. At one time the moving cause of hostilities is attributed to France; at another to Russia, and later to Austria. It is to be observed that in all the countries named there is a War party ready to face any minor disagreement into a conflagration. That is especially true of Russia. The old Muscovite party lives on traditions of the past. They want a war of conquest. They have brought that country many times to the very verge of war, which has only been prevented by a formidable alliance among other great Powers. If it were true according to recent telegraphic reports, that the peace of Europe depends solely upon the Czar of Russia, then there would be some strong reasons for believing that war might occur at an early day. But that statement does not agree with known facts. The European alliance, which is to day keeping Russia back from aggression, was never stronger than now. The fact that Austria is reported to have been drawn into a closer alliance with Germany has some significance, although it is well-known that these two Powers agreed long ago to act as a unit in any war which Russia might force upon Europe. The situation has not changed, except that the alliance may be closer now than it was years ago.

Austria views with much uneasiness the immense army which Russia has posted along the border and within striking distance of Bulgaria. The mission of this great army is declared to be one of observation on the part of Russia. The next report which looks to the preservation of peace is that a treaty has been formed between Germany and Italy. Indirectly it is against Russia, for it stipulates that if France attacks either Germany or Italy the other shall send an army of 300,000 men to the French frontier. The effect of such a treaty would be to prevent France from rendering much assistance to Russia in case the latter were involved in war. Great Britain, it is said, will be a neutral Power in case of war. But the moment her interests become seriously involved she would be in the thickest of the fight.

The condition of the great Powers is one of uneasiness and feverish excitement. The trouble is that so long as peace is not assured, immense preparations for war will go on. Bismarck has recently asked the German Parliament to authorize a further loan of \$70,000,000 for strengthening the First Reserve, by adding a large part of the Home Guard, which hitherto could not be compelled to serve beyond the frontiers of Germany. Practically, it is for a very large increase of the army for war purposes. The fact that makes against a permanent peace is the constant expectation of war as reported from official circles. But this expectation has existed for at least two years. All great preparations naturally lead the public mind in that direction. But up-to this time nothing has come of all this except the announcement of such military and naval preparation as the world has never seen before. All this may be turned to the account of peace. Each nation finding the other ready, and each keeping within the lines, hesitates by any overt act to break the peace of Europe.

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Dr. Seibert, a German-American physician in New York, a competent authority on the subject, holds that pneumonia is a house disease, and is infectious but not contagious. He says: "In the warm air of the house the system is made sensitive to the cold, but the cold is only the producing cause. It prepares the coddled lungs for the pneumonia poison, which has its real origin in damp and dirty rooms or cellars. What is the cure? Well, the steps to the cure have unhappily advanced but little. But the relief and the prevention are no medicine and plenty of fresh air.

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A machine for type-setting by electricity has been patented in England by F. Fitzgerald. There is provided at each of the places where the matter is to be printed a suitable type setting or other machine, which is constructed, with levers or keys for releasing and arranging the different letters or other characters or for operating the printing devices. Each of these machines is comprised within an electric circuit, which also comprises a machine of a similar kind situated at the place from which the news is to be sent. The mechanism and connections are so arranged that when the type-setting machine at the transmitting-office is being operated by the printer for the purpose of setting up the type, or for printing at the transmitting-station, the same characters will be automatically set up or printed at each of the other offices comprised within the same circuit.

After many years of experimenting, with the object of increasing the speed of vessels and lessening their draught by a change in the formation of the hull, a Pennsylvania inventor has succeeded in constructing a boat which he claims fulfills the desire of so long sought, and is in entire accordance with true scientific theory. This boat, which is some thirty-six feet long, is of the shape known as the concave bottom, the hull being built in a right and left spiral form from the bow to the middle section. The conformation of the hull—in this case—is such as to displace water in a manner closely approximating to the wave-line theory, beginning at the cutwater, displacement being accomplished gradually until the centre of the boat is reached, when the reverse action of displacement begins; the concave begins the greater the lifting power, the boat rising on the water, and consequently moving with greater speed without any increase of power.

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POPULAR SCIENCE.

Professor Vierlow of Germany, in his new work, declares that cancer is curable.

In Germany very nearly twelve pounds of sugar are now made from a hundred pounds of beets, the cost of the product being only 2 cents per pound.

A microscopist writes to the Popular Science News that he has discovered no fewer than fifty-six parasites upon a single specimen of the common house fly.

A Hamilton, Ohio, company has built mutable machines which punch eighty-five holes in an iron tank at once, and use shears that make an 8-cent cut at once.

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 1888.

TELEGRAMS.

(From Straits-Times.)

"HER CRACIOUS" AND CHINESE GORDON.

London, March 8th.

General Gordon's letters to his sister have been published. Among them is printed a letter from the Queen to Miss Gordon, in which Her Majesty expresses her deep grief that, in spite of her constant urging and exhortation, the promises of support were unkept by those who asked Gordon to go to Khartoum. Her Majesty adds, that she feels keenly the stain left on the nation by Gordon's fate.

GOSCHEN IN HIS ELEMENT.

Mr. Goschen on Friday will move the conversion of Consols.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Title Comercio notifies the resignation of Schor Centeno, Governor of the province of Manila.

An amusing "China Story" entitled "How Vice triumphed over Virtue in Shantung," is published in this issue.

SERVICES are conducted by the Rev. T. A. Turner in the Wesleyan Mission Rooms, 127, Queen's Road East, on Sundays at 9.45 a.m., and at 6 p.m.

We are requested to state that the Rev. J. Wangemann, of the German cruiser Sophie, will preach the sermon at the service in the German Chapel to-morrow at 10.30 a.m.

THE largest savings bank in the world is the Glasgow Savings Bank. The last report shows funds in hand of £4,680,000, and £4,622,000 are due to depositors, who number 137,201.

THERE are three establishments in Paris devoted to the manufacture of ladies' cigarettes, and they do a large business. Most of the cigarettes contain opium, and perfumes are freely used.

A NEW automatic apparatus for drawing the Manila lottery has been invented and tested in that city. The whole process, including the printing of the prize list, is said to take only ten minutes.

The Cricket match, 58th Regiment v. Hongkong C. C., was concluded this afternoon, the military players scoring an easy victory by an innings and 17 runs. A report of the play will be found elsewhere.

MR. C. D. Hartman, agent of the O. & O. S. Co., informs us that the steamer Belgic, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 24th ulto, has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port to-morrow.

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MEXICAN dollars are now legal tender in the Havanas at the rate of eighty cents' weight.

"YOU have travelled a great deal, Mr. Cooperhouse?" "Yes, miss, I've been all over the world." "You have met a great many celebrities, I presume?" "I've been presented before all the crowned heads of Europe." "Indeed? What is your profession?" "I'm a prize fighter."

"I WILL be fair with you, darling," said George himself, tenderly: "when we are married you shall always have one-half my income." "And I, dear George," said Amanda Herself, "will not be insensible to such unselfishness; you shall ever share one-half of my expenses."

By kind permission of Colonel Anderson and the officers of the 2nd Northamptonshire Regiment, the Regimental Band will play in the Public Gardens, to-morrow (Sunday), from 3.30 till 5 p.m. The following will be the programme:—

March....."Balclava".....Stamps
Overture....."Zampa".....Herald
Selection....."Dorothy".....Collie
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Serenade....."Stuhldchen".....Schubert

JOHN-MORAN, Bassoonist.

It is to be hoped that no serious accident has happened to the French mail steamer *Oxus* which has not yet put in an appearance. The steamer *Diamond*, which came into harbour this morning, reports having seen the *Oxus* about fifty miles outside the port, and as this was probably ten hours ago it would appear that even by observing a greater degree of caution than the *Diamond* in regard to fog, which we presume, is keeping the *Oxus* back, she ought to have been at her buoy long since. We believe the Messageries Maritimes Co. intend sending out a search launch in the morning if the steamer does not turn up by that time.

As will be seen by a notice in another column, Messrs. Kuhn & Co.'s Gallery of Japanese Works of Art, which for a considerable time past has been one of the leading features of the colony, will be temporarily closed at the end of the present month. This course has been necessitated by the Firm having made arrangements to open a branch establishment in London, where Mr. Kuhn's presence and services are imperatively required. It is, however, the intention of Messrs. Kuhn & Co. to resume their business connection with this colony at no far distant date, of which due notice will be given, and Mr. Kuhn, who has been in charge of the Hongkong branch, is especially desirous of expressing his cordial acknowledgments of the unvarying courtesy and kindness, as well as the liberal patronage and support he has received from the residents of this colony, of Canton, and of Macao. In order to avoid the trouble and expense of re-shipment, the costly and varied collection of Japanese articles de luxe et virtu now on exhibition in their Hongkong store (opposite the Hongkong Hotel), will be offered during the next fortnight at greatly reduced prices. We have personally inspected this grand assortment of Japanese curios (which includes many articles of great usefulness), and can safely say that no such bargains have ever previously been offered in this colony.

THE following is the Calendar for the March Criminal Sessions, to be held at the Supreme Court, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at 10 a.m.—
1. Su Achau, Shu Aying, Man Ng Chuy—(1) Unlawfully and by force detaining a certain woman named Yeung Mui within this colony, for the purpose of selling her. (2) Unlawfully and by fraud detaining the said Yeung Mui for the purpose of selling her.

Chan Achoi—(1) Robbery with violence. (2) Receiving stolen goods.

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RECENTLY published work entitled "William and the German Empire," by G. Barnett Smith, gives some interesting particulars regarding the late Emperor and leading incidents of his eventful career. Born in 1797, Prince William of Prussia may be said to have been nurtured in the gloom engendered by the disastrous defeat of Jena. It was but a year or two before this event that the little Prince first put on the gay uniform of the Rudeps regiment, which has since attained such a wide celebrity as the Red Hussars. It was a gayer uniform than it is now—scarlet dolman slashed with silver, white facings, dark blue and gold pelisse, fur busby and white plume, boots, and breeches. The child was delighted when first presented in it to his mother. The sun shone on the baby soldier, but the time soon came when things took a sombre hue, and when he met his mother at Schwedt it was to witness the unaccustomed sight of tears, and according to some historians, to hear her address to him and to his brother, brave counsel. "You see," said the Queen, "my tears; I am weeping for the destruction of our army. Ah! my children, you are not yet of that age when you can comprehend the great calamity that has befallen us. But after my death, and when you recall this unfortunate hour, do not content yourself with merely shedding tears. Act! Unite your powers! Perhaps the guardian angel of Prussia will watch over you. Liberate your people from the disgrace and degradation they will have to endure, Conquer France, and retrieve the glory of your ancestors as your great grandfather did at Fehrbellin, when he defeated the Swedes. Be men, and strive to be great generals. If you have not that ambition, then you are unworthy to be descendants of Frederick the Great!"

A YOUNG CONVICT, only 22 years of age, was charged this morning at the Police Court with escaping from the chain-gang on the 14th inst. A policeman said he discovered the prisoner on the top-floor of a house in the native quarter, and chased him on to the roof. He followed the runaway over the tops of several houses, when the convict made his way to the ground and on to the Priya Central, from which he jumped into a steam launch and hid himself behind the funnel, where he was arrested. Evidence was given to show that the prisoner was undergoing a three-year sentence in Victoria Gaol for robbery with violence, of which he was convicted in April of last year; and that on the 14th inst. he was a member of the gang working near the Central School, and had then, with another convict, effected his escape by breaking the chain. Mr. Wise remanded the case till Monday next.

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THE Hongkong Amateur Athletic Sports will be held at the Cricket Ground on Saturday the 7th April. A list of the events, with qualifications and other particulars, will be found in another part of this issue. Entries close to Mr. Chas. H. Thompson, the honorary secretary, on or before Saturday the 3rd inst.

THE Pall Mall Gazette tells of a unique kind of torture in London shops. In certain large West End shops the female assistants are all doomed to a uniform size in waists, varying from eighteen to twenty inches. Tall girls and stout girls all must conform to a measure six inches at least below the natural size.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before Acting Chief Justice Russell and a Special Jury.)

U-TZ-WAN v. GARRELS AND ANOTHER, \$50,000.

The following is the substance of the evidence of Mr. Garrels given yesterday for the defence:—On receiving information from Mr. Elmer that suspicions were entertained by himself and by shopkeepers in the vicinity of the Man-Yuen-Tong concerning the origin of the fire, witness instituted a course of inquiries, the result of which was that he became almost sure U-Tz-Wan had purposely set fire to his premises on the 24th March. Somebody living opposite the Man-Yuen-Tong had seen smoke issue from plaintiff's room before the fire alarm was given.

His assertion that the conflagration originated from the upsetting of a kerosene lamp was controverted by one of his servants who declared that the lamp had been properly fixed and could not be upset by themselves. The inmates of a shop opposite had openly ridiculed the idea of any tea being stored in the Man-Yuen-Tong. The exporters of tea from the Ho-kwan district said that the article was seldom warehoused in Hongkong, owing to the rates charged for storage; the tea was generally sold here from samples, and re-shipped soon after arrival. On applying at the Registrar General's for a description of the trade carried on at Man-Yuen-Tong, witness was officially informed that a part of the premises was let to the Pang-Yu-Tai firm, of which plaintiff was not a partner. If any tea had been stored in that portion of the house, it was not U-Tz-Wan's. The plaintiff, moreover, on calling at witness' office had declared both verbally and in writing that the claim he produced of taels 16,831, 5 mace, 6 candareens, covered all his losses; he had made no mention of any tea; it was on a subsequent call that he brought in this additional claim, to substantiate which he could not produce any books, or the plan that these had been destroyed by the fire. The date of his second insurance was also highly suspicious; it was only five days before the fire that U-Tz-Wan effected a double insurance on his goods, from \$50,000 for which they had been previously insured, he now made them \$40,000. Under these circumstances, and taking into consideration Long-Ngok's confession as to the plaintiff engaging him to purchase kerosene and set fire to the premises, witness came to the conclusion that plaintiff was swindling the Insurance Companies, and after taking legal advice on the matter, had him arrested on a charge of arson.

Witness was then cross-examined by Mr. O'Malley as to some conflicting assertions made by Long-Ngok to Mr. Deacon and then at the Magistracy, after which the hearing was adjourned till 10.30 this morning. On the Court resuming its sitting this morning, Mr. Garrels was re-examined by Mr. Ackroyd, and stated that the information he had about the Pang-Yu-Tai firm being located at the Man-Yuen-Tong was obtained from the Registrar General's department. Having so many suspicions about the origin of the fire, which were every day confirmed by fresh information he received, he had no other course left but to have the plaintiff arrested. Under any other circumstances he would not have taken that step.

By his lordship—Witness had not heard that Wong-chuk-lam had engaged in speculation, been a bankrupt and sentenced by the Court to a term of imprisonment. Plaintiff had effected insurance at witness' office since 1881 or '82. Witness read a clause in the Policy to the effect that the insurer who effected an insurance with another office had to give due notice, under the penalty of having his policy rendered null and void. There was another clause relieving the insurer of this duty under certain circumstances, but providing for proportional payment to be made by the respective Companies, in case of loss or claim. Witness did not think it would have been a more reasonable course to have resisted the plaintiff's additional claim in a court of law rather than have him committed to prison charged with arson. In witness' opinion the plaintiff was bent on swindling the Company; as its representative, he thought the best course to pursue was to have him arrested. He had been instructed by Mr. Deacon that civil proceedings could be taken against the plaintiff, but that criminal proceedings should be taken first. No arrangement whatever had been made with Pustau's to pay the plaintiff his claim of \$22,000 when he called and presented it.

Captain Deane, examined by Mr. Ackroyd, said he recollects Mr. Elmer coming to him about the beginning of April last year about a fire on Bonham Strand; he asked witness to bring a criminal charge of arson against the plaintiff. Witness replied that his standing instructions were not to initiate any prosecution for arson when the occupier of the premises burnt was insured.

By the Attorney General—Mr. Elmer did not inform witness that the plaintiff was supposed to have set fire to his house. Witness' instructions were to the effect that the matter should be left with the Insurance Companies. There was nothing to prevent him assisting complainant to investigate the case.

By Mr. Ackroyd—Witness did not make any offer of assistance to Mr. Elmer.

Herman Elmer said he was a clerk to Messrs. Meyer & Co., and remembered the fire in 24, Bonham Strand; having received a report that there was something suspicious about it, he was told to make enquiries of the neighbours; called at the Hoi-fong Hong, No. 32, and at the Wo-ki Hong. At the former place witness was told this fire was a very curious, a very bad affair. He went over the roof to look into the burnt premises; was afterwards told that the owner of the Man-Yuen-Tong could not have had any tea in his house; that on the night of the fire, smoke had been seen issuing from the Man-Yuen-Tong before the alarm was given; that the people at No. 24 went and noticed the plaintiff's property accordingly, but were told that there was no fire at their place. The Wo-ki Hong people told witness that when a glair of tea was seen at the Man-Yuen-Tong, on the night of the 24th, they desired it, and would find the needed bullock; but that he had not done so, and that he intended to spend a penny on regaling.

Ernest Stromdhall, 26, a Swedish sailor was charged this morning before Mr. Wise at the Police Court with assaulting a Chinese seaman in Upper Lascar Row on the 16th inst. Complainant said that while walking through that thoroughfare yesterday the accused deliberately went up to him, committed the assault, and then ran away. A crowd of Chinese followed, and he was arrested and taken to the station.

Having nothing to say for himself, the culprit was called upon to contribute a merrily. Medean to the depleted Treasury.

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